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Sir:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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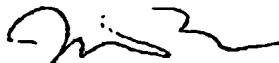
Docket No. UI-340XC1
Serial No. 10/731,528Remarks

Claims 1-19 were previously pending in the subject application. By this amendment, the applicant has amended claims 6-20 and has added new claims 21-25. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. For example, claims 6-19 were misnumbered. By this Amendment, the correct claim numbers were provided. Further, support for the amendment of claims 8, 11, 14, and newly added claims 21-25 can be found throughout the subject specification including, for example, on page 5, lines 20-22 and page 7, lines 14-16. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-25 will be before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, are earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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